

Judge James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT CRAWFORD,

Defendant

Case No.: CR22-00087JLR

ORDER CONTINUING
SENTENCING DATE

This matter having come before the Court on the motion of defendant Christopher Scott Crawford for an order continuing the sentencing date in this matter to a date no earlier than September 25, 2023 and no later than October 20, 2023, the Court finds as follows.

On June 7, 2023, Mr. Crawford was convicted by a jury after a four day trial. Dkt. Nos. 90, 100, 101, 103. The Court set sentencing for August 29, 2023. That date was later changed to August 28, 2023 to accommodate the Court's calendar. Dkt. Nos. 103, 128.

Two days after the return of the verdict, counsel for Mr. Crawford filed a motion seeking authorization to withdraw from representing Mr. Crawford. Dkt. No. 117, 118.

The Court granted the motion seeking leave to withdraw on June 12, 2023. Dkt. No. 120.

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(Crawford, CR22-00087JLR) - 1

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1 New counsel was not appointed to represent Mr. Crawford until June 26, 2023. Dkt. No.
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3 The government began producing discovery to defense counsel on June 27, 2023. The
4 first production was approximately 14 GB of data in zipped files. Additional discovery was
5 produced over the next several weeks, including production of more than once gigabyte of
6 discovery the week of August 14, 2023.

7 The total discovery production consisted totaled more than 360 GB of data. The
8 production of this discovery to previous defense counsel began after the issuance of the first
9 protective order by the Court on June 22, 2022. Dkt. No. 18.

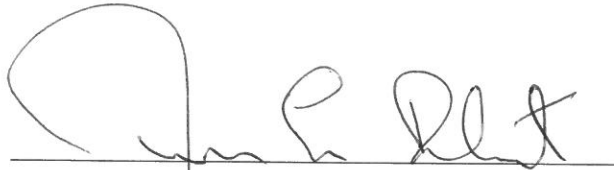
10 Due to the volume of discovery produced and his own caseload, current defense counsel
11 has had limited time to devote to review of all the discovery.

12 Based on all the above, even with the exercise of due diligence, counsel for Mr. Crawford
13 has not had sufficient time to review and digest the most relevant discovery in this matter to
14 effectively prepare for the sentencing now scheduled for August 28, 2023. In order to provide
15 Mr. Crawford with the effective assistance of counsel at sentencing, a continuance of the current
16 sentencing date is requested.

17 The Court notes that the victim and the family of the victim oppose the requested
18 continuance. The Court is mindful of the desire to proceed to sentencing as quickly as possible
19 and to put this matter behind them and also notes that the government understands the need for
20 defense counsel to have sufficient time to review the produced discovery and to effectively
21 prepare for sentencing. Now, therefore,
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1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the sentencing date in this matter is continued from
2 August 28, 2023 to September 25, 2023 at 11:00am.

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4 DONE THIS 21st DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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